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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, said period of response being extended from April 24, 2002 to July 24, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$920.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a PRICENSION TO 1200 large entity.



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